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PRETORIA ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR LOW

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR UNSC AO ZA
SUBJ: ZAMBIA REQUEST FOR SC MEETING

REF: STATE 217711 (NOTAL), USUN 3320

1. SUMMARY: MARK CHONA CONFIRMS ZAMBIA HAS NO RPT NO
INTENTION OF CALLING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SOUTH
AFRICAN INCURSION AT THIS TIME. ZAMBIAN UN REP HAS
ACTED WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. ZAMBIA WILL CALL FOR SC
MEETING IF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES ARE NOT WITHDRAWN, BUT MEETING
WILL NOT BE JUST TO COMPLAIN. MEETING WILL BE TO EXPLAIN
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TO WORLD A DECISION TO CALL FOR OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO
DEFEND ZAMBIAN TERRITORY. CHONA APPEALS TO US AND UK
TO CONVINCE SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS IN
INTEREST OF KEEPING NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT ALIVE AND IN
AVOIDING ESCALATION OF CONFLICT. END SUMMARY.

2. CHARGE AND BRITISH HIGHCOM ALLINSON SAW MARK CHONA

MORNING AUGUST 26 TO DISCUSS ZAMBIAN CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. CHONA IMMEDIATELY SAID IT WAS NOT CORRECT THAT ZAMBIA WAS CALLING FOR SUCH A MEETING. HE THEN ASKED HIS SECRETARY TO GET KONIE ON THE PHONE FOR HIM. CHONA SAID THAT HE HAD JUST LEFT A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WHICH HAD BEGUN EARLY IN THE MORNING. AT THAT MEETING IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT ZAMBIA WOULD NOT GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME. DECISION TO GO TO SC WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT SOUTH AFRICA RAPIDLY WITHDRAWS ITS TROOPS FROM ZAMBIAN SOIL. IF THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN, ZAMBIA WILL GO TO SC NOT TO COMPLAIN BUT TO ANNOUNCE TO THE WORLD ITS DECISION TO CALL FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT TO COUNTER SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION. SUCH A CALL WOULD BE NECESSARY BECAUSE ZAMBIA DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FORCES TO COUNTER POSSIBLE RHODESIAN INCURSIONS AND ACTUAL SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION AT SAME TIME. ZAMBIA RECOGNIZES THAT NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT IS AT STAKE AND WISHES TO TAKE NO ACTION TO JEOPARDIZE IT. THEREFORE IT WOULD BE WITH THE GREATEST RELUCTANCE THAT A DECISION WOULD BE MADE TO GO TO THE SC, AND SUCH A DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL GRZ HAS A CHANCE TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT ITS APPEAL TO THE US AND UK TO CONVINCE SOUTH AFRICA TO DESIST FROM ITS AGGRESSION HAS HAD AN IMPACT.

3. CHONA SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WERE STILL ACTIVE IN ZAMBIA AS OF FIRST THING MORNING OF AUGUST 26. ONE
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UNIT HAD RETURNED TO CAPRIVI BUT ANOTHER WAS MOVING ON THE ROAD NORTH OF SESHEKE HEADING TOWARDS IMUSHO ON THE ROAD TO SENANGA (MAIN SWAPO BASE).

4. CHONA MAINTAINED THAT LUSAKA AUTHORITIES HAD NO RPT NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SWAPO ATTACK WHICH COULD HAVE LED TO SA INCURSION. HE DID SAY LOCAL AUTHORITIES MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON AND HAD NOT INFORMED LUSAKA. HE WANTED TO ASSURE THE UK AND US, AND THROUGH THEM SOUTH AFRICA, THAT ZAMBIA WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INSURE THAT FURTHER SWAPO ACTIONS FROM ZAMBIAN SOIL WOULD NOT OCCUR. PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL MEET WITH NUJOMA TODAY AND GIVE HIM THIS MESSAGE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. CHONA SAID ZAMBIA SHARED CONCERN OF THE CONTACT GROUP TO MAKE THE NAMIBIA PROPOSALS WORK AND ZAMBIA WOULD USE ITS WEIGHT TO ENSURE THAT SC MET SOON TO CONSIDER EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF ATHISAARI REPORT.

5. CHONA ENDED THE CONVERSATION WITH AN IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR THE US AND UK TO CONVINCE SOUTH AFRICA TO CEASE AND DESIST IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING THE NAMIBIA INITIATIVE ALIVE AND IN ORDER TO AVOID A ZAMBIAN DECISION TO CALL FOR OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO MEET THE SOUTH AFRICAN THREAT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: USUN MAY WISH TO CALL AMBASSADOR KONIE
AND ASK HER TO CALL CHONA WHO WAS HAVING PROBLEMS REACHING
HER ON THE PHONE.
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